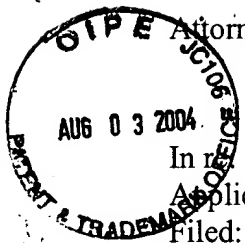


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hering et al. Confirmation No.: 9094
Application No.: 09/934,177 Group No.: 1733
Filed: August 21, 2001 Examiner: J. L. Goff, II
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR JOINING PIECES OF
THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL TO FORM CELLULAR BLOCKS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004.

2. Applicant is ☒ a small entity; ☐ other than a small entity.

3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

	Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months*	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

☒ A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

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